	1995	1996	1997
Registration made	29.9	32.2	28.3
Placement effected	0.1	0.6	0.4
Number on the Live Register at the end of the year	268.8	292.1	318.1

Wages of Industrial Workers

850. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the minimum wages in some States for some categories of workers have not been revised for more than three years;

(b) if so, the details of such States alongwith the Industries, wages prevailing today and the number of years they were not revised; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to ensure periodic revision of wages in all the States?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) and (b) Under the Minimum Wages Act, 1948, the Central Government is the appropriate Government for fixation/revision of minimum rates of wages for scheduled employments coming under the purview of Central Government and State Governments are the appropriate Governments for fixation/revision of minimum rates of wages for different scheduled employment coming under their purview. Section 3 (b) of the Minimum Wages Act, 1948 provides that the minimum rates of wages may be fixed at such intervals not exceeding five years. A statement giving details of minimum rates of wages fixed alongwith date of last revision in respect of different States, is annexed. [*See* Appendix 185, Annexure no. 23]

(c) Central Government has been requesting, from time to time, the State Governments to fix, review and revise the minimum rates of wages within a period not exceeding two years or on a rise of 50 points in the Consumer Price Index. Recently, Hon'ble Prime Minister has requested all the State Governments demiofficially to fix, review and revise the minimum rates of wages within a period not exceeding two years or on a rise of 50 points in the CPI.

Growth Rate of Employment in Organised and Unorganised Sectors

851. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV:
SHRI GOPAL SINGH G. SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether employment in the organised and unorganised sectors has been declining in the country;

(b) the contribution of Government and private enterprises in this regard;

(c) whether any steps are being contemplated to increase the rate of growth in employment in both organised and unorganised sectors; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The organised sector (all public sector establishments and all non-agricultural establishments in the private sector employing 10 or more workers) employment was of the order of 28 million as on 31st March, 1997. Out of these 28 million around 19.5 million was in public sector and the remaining 8.5 million was in private sector.

(c) and (d) The approach to the Ninth Plan envisages priority to agriculture and rural development with a view to generating adequate productive